

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

To: The Secretary, FCC Commissioners, and Chief, Media Bureau

RE: Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media
ownership rules.

I urge the FCC to RETAIN ALL of the current media ownership rules now in
question.

Control of the media, and the news media in particular, is becoming
increasingly concentrated. Proposed changes will only further concentrate
this control and our ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide
variety of viewpoints will be compromised. This will weaken our democracy
and is unpatriotic. An informed citizenry and our nation's future are
best served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this
proceeding.

In addition, I support the FCC's plan to hold a public hearing on this
matter in Richmond, VA and I strongly encourage the Commission to hold
similar hearings in all parts of the country. As part of democratic
republic, your commission must solicit the widest possible participation
from the public and you must not only consider the needs of those with an
immediate financial interest in your decision, but those of all citizens,
present and future.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Van Horn